



*Dear IITians,*

*Welcome to the first issue of IITAA Newsletter for the year 2008. Hope you all had a wonderful break with your family and friends.*

*The new Executive Committee has started the work for this year with lots of enthusiasm and with your support we are confident to achieve a lot this year as well*

*The first IITAA event of this year is a **seminar** with **Dr. David Skellern, CEO NICTA** as the key Speaker on **25<sup>th</sup> of March 2008**.*

*In the month of May 2008, IITAA will hold a family picnic for all members and their families. More details will follow close to the event.*

*Once again, thanks for your support and encouragement. We look forward for your presence and participation in all IITAA events.*

*With best wishes,  
IITAA Team*

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## IITAA AGM 2007

IITAA AGM 2007 was held on Sunday 16th December 2007 at the Castle Taj Restaurant, Castle Hill, Sydney. It was attended by a record number of members and their guests. There were about 55 attendees.

AGM started with a welcome note by Mr Davender Jain, President of IITAA for 2007. Dr Pramod Singh, Secretary read out the Annual Report for the year 2007. Mr Vivek Sheel, Treasurer presented the Accounts for the financial year ending 30 September 2007. He reported a growth of 45% in the membership of IITAA over the last year.

Thereafter, election for the 2008 Executive Committee (EC) of IITAA was held. The returning officer, Mr Bhav Datt conducted a marathon task of organising the election of 4 office bearers and 5 members. Mr Datt was assisted by Mr Rakesh Mathur.



(L-R) Pramod Singh, Davender Jain, Vivek Sheel, Gautam Batra, Premalal Kumarasiri, Inderjeet Singh Viridi, Neeraj Mathur and Devendra Verma.



The Returning Officer announced the names of elected candidates for 2008 Executive Committee of IITAA as follows:

- Mr. Davender Jain, President
- Dr Pramod Singh, Vice-President
- Mr. Vivek Sheel, Treasurer
- Mr. Devendra Verma, Secretary
- Mr Neeraj Mathur, Member
- Mr. Inderjeet Singh Virdi, Member
- Mr. Premalal Kumarasiri, Member
- Mr. Gautam Batra, Member
- Mr. Ishwar Singh Lamba, Member

President elect, Mr Davender Jain thanked all the members for their support during the year 2007 and solicited their support towards the achievement of IITAA's goals in the coming years.

After the election everyone enjoyed a musical program by Mr Vinod Rajput and his team over lunch.



## Membership Renewal

Have you renewed your membership for this year?

If not, please do so asap.

You can check the status of your membership by calling Gautam Batra on mob: 0423968674

Your support and co-operation is crucial to us.

## Upcoming Events

- **Seminar** with **Dr. David Skellern, CEO NICTA** as the key speaker - **25 March 2008**
- **Picnic** – May 2008
- **Seminar** with **Mr. Neville Roche** as the key speaker – July 2008

## Membership Status

- 18 memberships renewed to date since Jan 2008



## Pan IIT 2008

PanIIT is a global forum for alumni from all the 7 IITs. The Global Conferences, held each year, facilitate IIT alumni to leverage their urge to "give back" to India.

This global conference alternates between India and the US every year. The strength and the theme are enhanced each year and new initiatives are launched to further the objectives of the organization.

This year, the **IIT Alumni Global Conference** is being held at **IIT Madras**, from **19th to 21st December, 2008**. More than 3,000 alumni from all over the globe are expected to attend the event. The focus this year is to **inspire** IITians to get **involved** to transform India.

Each year, the IIT Global Conference identifies a number of thematic tracks, carefully selected to provide the maximum impact. The six tracks this year are...

- Research & Technology
- Entrepreneurship
- Rural Transformation
- Infrastructure
- Education
- Innovation

So, whatever your background and interests, you will find a theme where you can make the biggest difference.

For registration and further details please visit the website [www.paniit2008.org](http://www.paniit2008.org)

## Microsoft sets up tech lab at IIT, Madras

Microsoft Corporation India Pvt Ltd on 18 February 2008 announced the inauguration of a technology lab it has set up at Indian Institute of Technology, Madras.

Microsoft is investing Rs 90 lakh (A\$258k) initially in Microsoft Windows Technologies Lab that will harness innovation through research and provide a platform for faculty members and students to leverage it for a variety of research and training.

Will Poole, Vice President, Microsoft Corporation Ltd, said experts from the company will visit the lab to conduct seminars and workshops and also help the institution in research and innovation in the long run.

## Membership Categories

- Annual Membership
- 3 year membership
- Life Membership

## Feedback From Neville Roche

"Just a brief note to congratulate you on your re-election to the position of President of IITAA. IITAA has made considerable progress under your leadership and it is good to see that your members have shown their recognition and appreciation of the role you have played by re-electing you.








Best wishes for further success in your new term of office. Have a happy and successful 2008."



## Executive Committee Members of IITAA

President	Vice-President	Secretary	Treasurer	Member
Davender Jain Mob: 0402074839	Pramod Singh Mob: 0411780259	Devendra Verma Mob: 0410678446	Vivek Sheel Mob: 0413459253	Inderjeet Singh Viridi Mob: 0425362754
Member	Member	Member	Member	
Premalal Kumarasiri Mob: 0415689865	Gautam Batra Mob: 0423968674	Ishwar Singh Lamba Mob: 0408551546	Neeraj Mathur Mob: 0413383526	

## IIT Campuses

						
Bombay <a href="#">Institute Alumni</a>	Delhi <a href="#">Institute Alumni</a>	Kanpur <a href="#">Institute Alumni</a>	Madras <a href="#">Institute Alumni</a>	Kharagpur <a href="#">Institute Alumni</a>	Roorkee <a href="#">Institute Alumni</a>	Guwahati <a href="#">Institute Alumni</a>

## IIT Alumni Associations in other countries

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<b>IIT Alumni Association Singapore</b> Website - <a href="http://www.iit-alumni.org.sg">www.iit-alumni.org.sg</a>	<b>Canada</b> Website - <a href="http://www.iitalumnicanada.org">www.iitalumnicanada.org</a>
<b>Japan</b> Yahoo Group - <a href="http://groups.yahoo.com/group/iitjapan/">groups.yahoo.com/group/iitjapan/</a> Contact - Sanjeev Sinha - <a href="mailto:SanjeevSinha@SanjeevSinha.Com">SanjeevSinha@SanjeevSinha.Com</a>	<b>India</b> Website - <a href="http://www.paniit2004.org">www.paniit2004.org</a> Contact - Pawan <a href="mailto:vmoksha.com">vmoksha.com</a>
<b>EU</b> Pan IIT EU President - Sharad Tripathi, <a href="mailto:sharad.tripathi@fluidyn.com">sharad.tripathi@fluidyn.com</a>	<b>USA - IIT Society in New England (IIT-SINE)</b> Region - New England - Boston Website - <a href="http://www.iitsine.org">www.iitsine.org</a>
<b>USA - IIT Greater New York</b> Region - Greater New York Area Website - <a href="http://www.iit.org/gny">www.iit.org/gny</a>	<b>USA - Southern California</b> Region - Greater Los Angeles Area, California <b>USA - Capital IIT</b> Region - Washington D.C. area
<b>USA - IIT Midwest</b> Region - Midwestern United States Website - <a href="http://www.iitmidwest.org">www.iitmidwest.org</a>	<b>USA - IIT Alumni Association of North Texas</b> Region - North Texas, including Dallas Website - <a href="http://www.iitnt.org">www.iitnt.org</a>
<b>USA - San Francisco Bay Area</b> Region - San Francisco Bay Area, California including Silicon Valley Website - <a href="http://www.iit.org/sfbay">www.iit.org/sfbay</a>	<b>IIT Southeast</b> Region - Southeast Yahoo group - <a href="http://IITansInCharlotte">IITansInCharlotte</a>